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Your Excellency,

I have the honor to convey herewith a copy of the letter dated 24 October 2019 addressed to Your Excellency by H.E. Prof. Kudret Özersay, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

İsmet Korukoğlu
Representative

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H.E. Mr. Jean-Pierre Lacroix
Under-Secretary-General for Peace Operations
United Nations Organization
New York.



**TURKISH REPUBLIC OF NORTHERN CYPRUS
DEPUTY PRIME MINISTRY AND MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS**

24 October 2019

Excellency,

In view of the continuing acts of blatant airspace violations by Greek/Greek Cypriot aircrafts, I feel obliged to write to you, once again, to emphasize the gravity of the situation engendered by these serious provocations.

On 17 October, 3 Greek fighter jets, taking part in a Greek Cypriot National Guard exercise in Larnaca, violated the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus airspace. The incident was recorded by Ercan Airport Air Control Centre at 05:41UTC (local time 08:41am). The said fighter jets departed from the Hellenic Air Force Base in Souda Bay, Crete, crossed the border over the village of Akıncılar, violated our airspace and returned to the said base in Crete at 10:01am. Attached you would find a selection of radar images which clearly show the violations described above.

We would like to protest, in the strongest possible manner, the above-mentioned airspace violations which clearly are part of a premeditated and dilligently executed Greek/Greek Cypriot policy of escalating tension in the region through a series of provocations aimed at undermining our sovereign rights at the expense of putting at risk the lives of civilians. We therefore urge, once again, the UN to take concrete steps to ensure that such provocations and acts of aggression will not be repeated as well as to protest these violations which render meaningless any effort aimed at building confidence between the two sides in Cyprus.

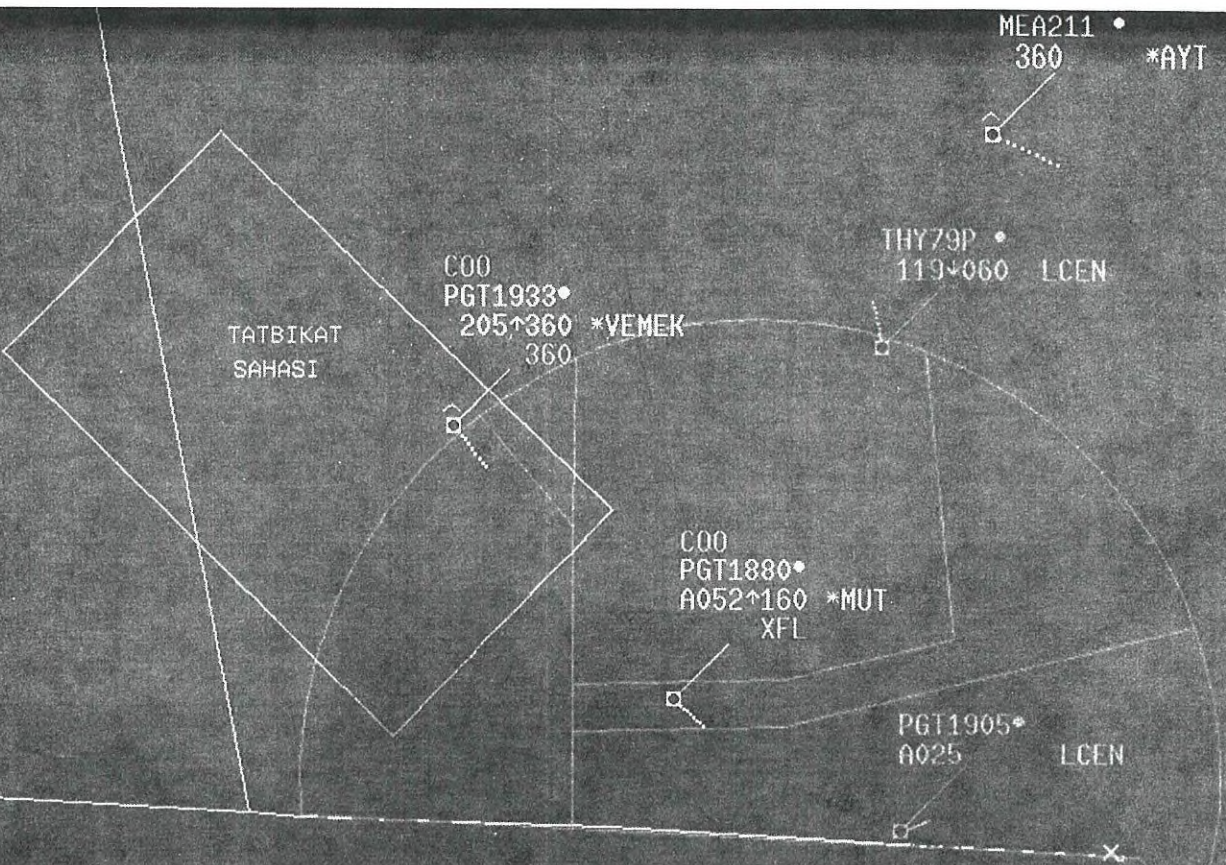
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Prof. Kudret ÖZERSAY
Deputy Prime Minister and
Minister of Foreign Affairs

H.E. Mr. Jean-Pierre Lacroix
United Nations Under-Secretary-General for Peace Operations,
New York.

c.c. H.E. Ms. Elizabeth Spehar
Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General and
Head of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus (UNFICYP)
Nicosia.

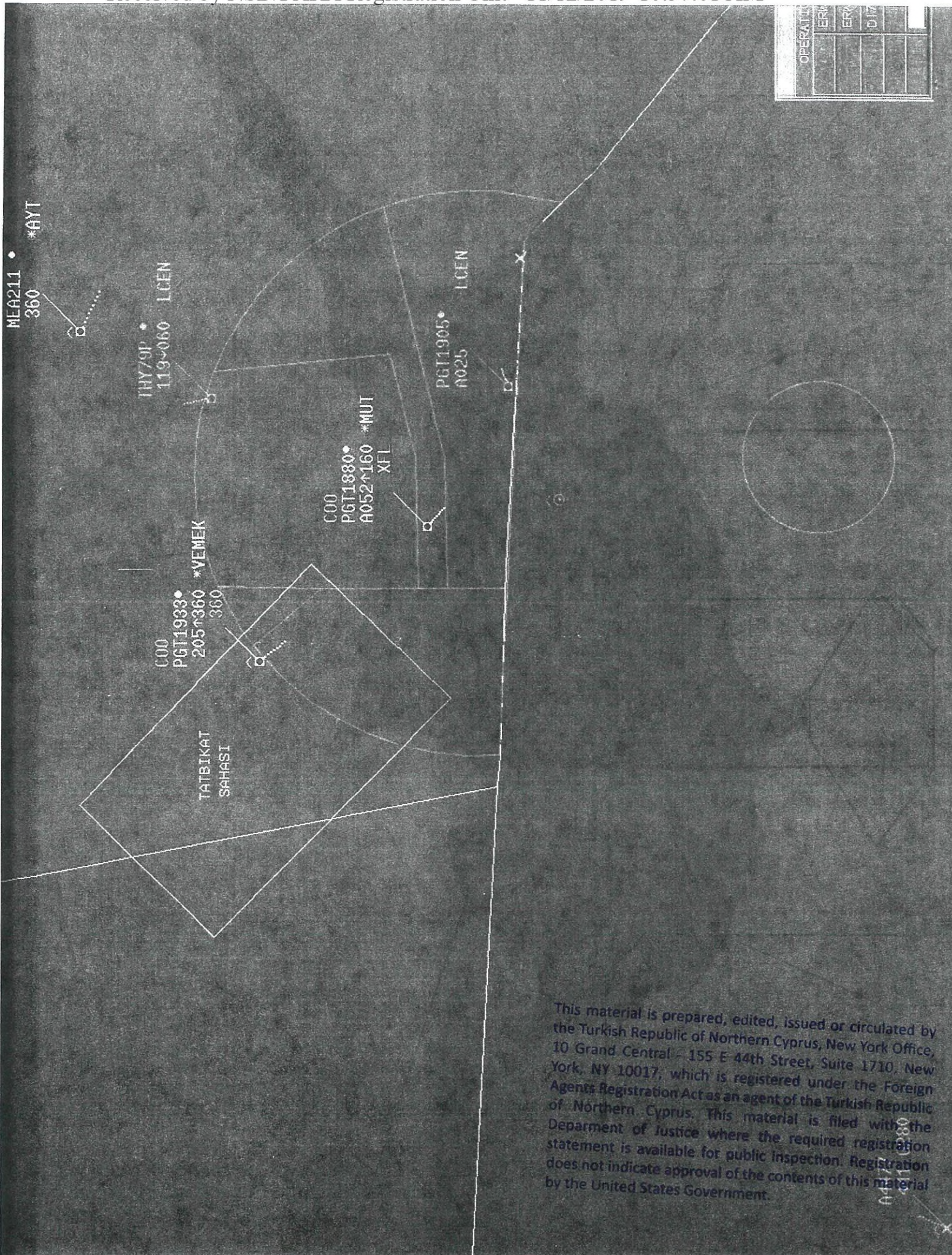
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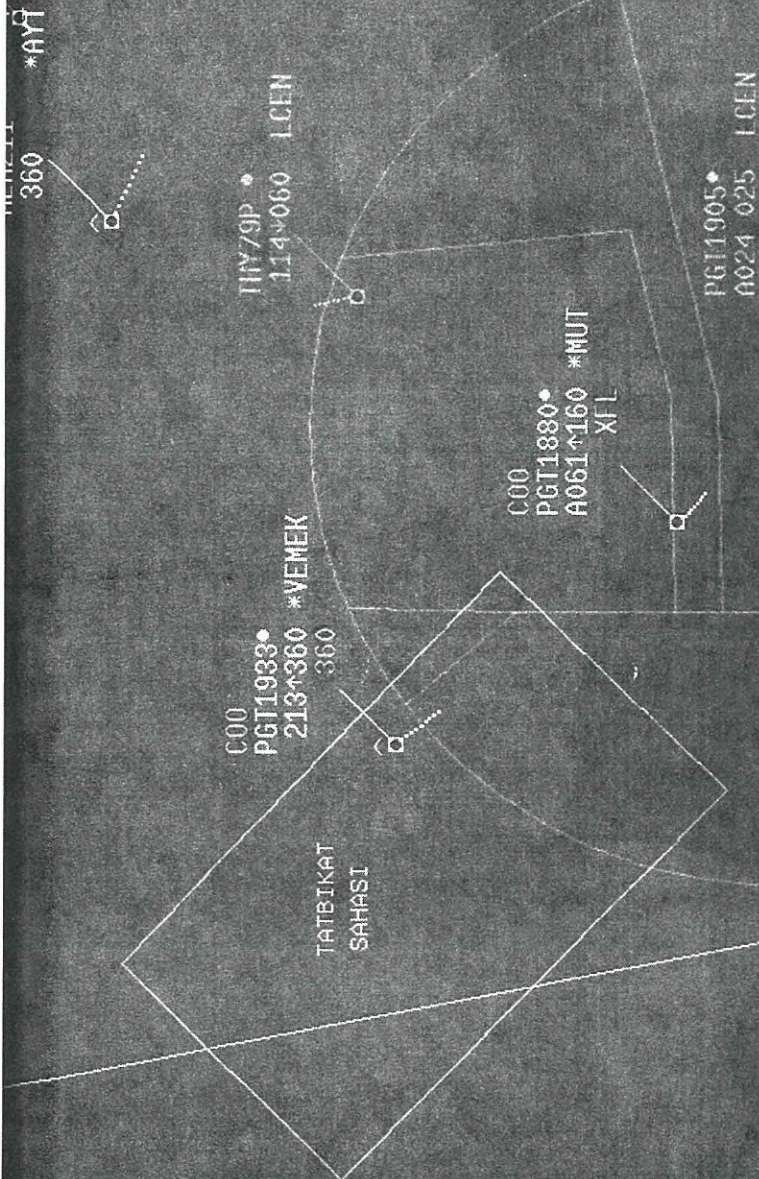
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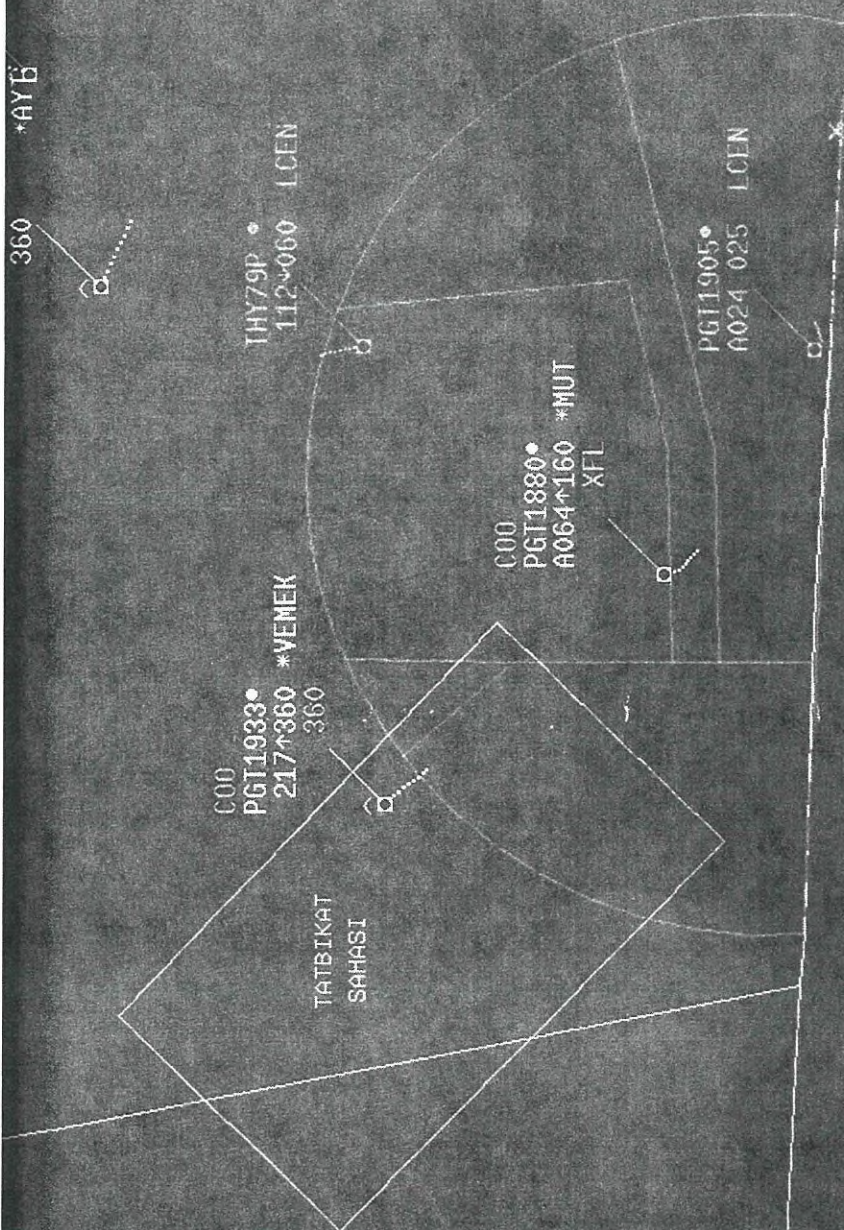


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